

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
February 5, 2013

The Board of Davis County Commissioners met in room 303 of the Davis County Administration Building, Farmington, Utah on February 5 at 10:00 a.m. Members present were Chairman John Petroff Jr., Commissioner Louenda H. Downs, Commissioner P. Bret Millburn, Clerk/Auditor Steve S. Rawlings, Chief Deputy Civil Attorney Bill McGuire, and Deputy Clerk/Auditor Linda May.

Dax Teuscher, Davis County Clerk/Auditor’s Office, led the Pledge of Allegiance. All were invited to stand and join in.

Recognition of  
Work by The  
Davis County  
Employees  
Association  
Board

Chairman Petroff stated that today we have with us members of our 2012 Davis County Employees Association Board. They are an asset to leaders and efficiency in the county. They learn as leaders that some people are really happy and some are not so really happy.

Commissioner Downs appreciates the Board is free to interact with employees and the Board asks the hard questions.

Commissioner Millburn also thanked the Board members and handed out a Davis County Coin of Recognition for Outstanding Service as the commissioners shook hands with the following: Jay Newbold, President; Tammy Berg, Vice President; Dax Teuscher, Secretary/Treasurer; and Board Members : Michele Day, Dale Peterson, and Ginger Ritchie. The remaining Board Members Lisa Eggett, Scott Nelson, Susan Poulsen, and Kalob Vinson were unable to attend and will be sent a coin.

The new 2013 DCEA will be Dax Teuscher, President; Ginger Ritchie, Vice President; Jonathan Lee, Secretary; and Board Members: Any Horstmann, Erin Mecham, Jalyn VanBree, Linda Freer, Linda Okuda, Michelle Day, Robbie Nielsen, and Scott Nelson.

“State of Davis  
County”  
Address

Chairman Petroff stated we hear addresses about the “State of the Union” and “State of the State”. With assistance from our Department Heads we have put together a “State of Davis County” address:

**STATE OF DAVIS COUNTY**

In the past few weeks we have heard President Obama and Governor Herbert give addresses regarding the affairs of our country and our state. Today I would like to give a report of the “State of Davis County”.

Davis County continues to be a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family.

We are a county of 312,000 people sharing 304 sq. mile of land shaped like an hourglass. Our county continues to recover from the recession of the last 4 years. With the exception of the construction industry, the economy is returning. Statistics show that we currently have an unemployment rate of 5.2% compared to national rates near 8%. 5.1% percent of our families are at the poverty level compared to 9.4% for the rest of the state. Even though we are doing better than average we still need to improve. And we will.

The median household income in Utah is \$54,740 compared to \$64,840 in Davis County. The average household consists of 3.3 people in the county compared to 3 per household in the state. We have 15 cities and 1 Air Force base in our county working together to provide a fine quality of life for our citizens.

I would like to take a minute and speak about how we are working together to make things even better in Davis County.

The Commissioners work closely with our mayors and legislators to improve roads and highways as well as transit services. Moving goods and people are top priorities for elected officials in the county. Many of us serve on the Wasatch Front Regional Council which determines how transportation dollars are spent. Even though we don’t care for the “orange cone” as our state bush, we are glad when they are picked up and a project is completed. That helps us get around. Currently there are several projects in the county that are either under construction or in the planning stage.

Our county has a fine group of men and women working to develop more quality jobs. We believe the low tax rates in Utah make us prime candidates for companies looking to expand or move their business. For the past 4 years, the Davis Unified Economic Development Group, consisting of county and city leaders, realtors and others, have met to identify sites suitable for various types of development. They have helped Davis County be No.1 in job growth percentage for the past year. We will continue to make quality job creation a top priority.

Of course our responsibility as Commissioners, along with the other county elected officials, is to make sure we provide the governmental services required of us, efficiently and correctly. Davis County consists of 22 departments, run by elected officials, department heads, and nearly 900 employees. We operate in 22 buildings and have 10 shops.

During this past year, countless employees have worked hard to improve their skills. Whether you work in Auditing or Tax Administration, Animal Control or Economic Development, the Health Dept. or the Legacy Events Center, they were challenged to increase their skills by getting certified in their particular field. We have seen throughout the year our people being asked to share with others what they have learned. Many of our county folks are considered the “experts” in their respective fields by others in Utah. This desire to be the most “professional” they can be is contagious and it is easy to say that our best asset is our dedicated employees.

The year 2012 will be the year of completion. This past year we completed the new Administration Building and the Headquarters Library as well as a new storage building at the Sheriff’s Office and a new shop at the Legacy Events Center. The new Administration Building will serve the citizens of the county for years to come. When interest rates hit their lowest ever and the bids for construction projects were coming in 25% - 30% lower than engineer estimates we saw the opportunity to fulfill a need that had existed for years. This new building provides the needed work space for now and the future. It is wired for the future needs of the county as it continues to grow.

I would like to tell you all the amazing things going on in government here in Davis County. I would like to tell about the job Troy Rawlings and his folks at the Attorney’s office are doing with Mental Health Court or about the 14 high profile cases they are prosecuting, but I don’t have time. I would like to tell about our staff at Animal Control and how they are changing the way animals are being saved and adopted out. I would really like to tell you about the professionals in our Health Dept. and Records Office and about our amazing Elections staff but there isn’t enough time. So I have a better plan. We are going to post on our website, [daviscountyutah.gov](http://daviscountyutah.gov), all of the information that I wanted to say that I didn’t have time for today. Please take the time to learn what each of our departments is doing to be better at serving you.

So what is the “state” of Davis County? It is great! With our new buildings our facilities are in great condition. Financially, we continue to balance our budgets without cutting services. We still maintain our stellar bond ratings and we have not had a property tax increase in 7 years. It is a wonderful place to live for a myriad of reasons but mostly because it is the home of some of the finest people anywhere. Thank you.

Agreement  
#2013-34  
Physio-Control  
Inc. for  
Maintenance of  
Lifepaks

Kevin Fielding, Davis County Sheriff’s Office, presented agreement #2013-34 with Physio-Control, Inc. It is for maintenance of the lifepaks used by the Sheriff’s department. It is a three year contract from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2015. It is a payable of \$27,250.00. Commissioner Downs made a motion to approve. Commissioner Millburn seconded the motion. All voted aye. Document on file in the office of the Davis County Clerk/Auditor.

Agreement  
#2013-35  
Midway West  
Amusements  
for 2013 Fair  
Carnival

Dave Hansen, Davis County Legacy Events Center Director, presented agreement #2013-35 with Midway West Amusements. The company will provide the carnival at the 2013 Davis County Fair. They pay Davis County 20% of their gross ticket sales. Commissioner Millburn made a motion to approve. Commissioner Downs seconded the motion. All voted aye. Document on file in the office of the Davis County Clerk/Auditor.

Amendment  
#1996-30A  
Crown Castle  
to Sub-lease  
Cell Tower

Curtis Koch, Davis County Finance/Auditor, presented amendment #1996-30A with Crown Castle. In section 15 of the contract, it allows for T-Mobile (the current leasee) to assign or sublease the tower to another licensed operator. This is the notice that it is taking place as required by the contract. It is a receivable of \$936.49 with a 4% annual increase for the term of the contract ending March 2026.

Commissioner Downs made a motion to approve. Commissioner Millburn seconded the motion. All voted aye. Document on file in the office of the Davis County Clerk/Auditor.

Agreement  
#2013-36 State  
of Utah  
Funding for  
System of Care

Commissioner Millburn presented agreement #2013-36 with the State of Utah. It is funding in the amount of \$12,000.00 for pass thru to Davis Behavioral Health. It is to develop a local plan to improve and expand mental health services using a System of Care approach for children and youth (birth to 21 years of age) those has or are at risk of developing serious mental health conditions. Commissioner Millburn made a motion to approve. Commissioner Downs seconded the motion. All voted aye. Document on file in the office of the Davis County Clerk/Auditor.

Approval of  
Facilities  
Management  
Policy #118-12

Marshall Scott, Davis County Facilities Management Director, requested approval of Facilities Management Policy #118-12, “Management and Use of the Davis County Administrative Building Auditorium and Conference Rooms. A committee made up of individuals from nine various departments has been meeting since the middle of November 2012 to review the policy and it is now ready for approval. The policy addresses the availability of conference rooms, making reservations, equipment and clean-up following use of rooms. Commissioner Downs made a motion to approve. Commissioner Millburn seconded the motion. All voted aye. Document on file in the office of the Davis County Clerk/Auditor. Commissioner Downs made a motion to approve. Commissioner Millburn seconded the motion. All voted aye. Document on file in the office of the Davis County Clerk/Auditor.

Commissioner Downs thanked Chris Sanford, Library Director, for input and coordination regarding joint use for the Library Auditorium. She also thanked the other committee members.

Commissioner Millburn stated he appreciates the efforts and the guidelines to utilize the facilities. We want to make good use for many years.

Chairman Petroff stated we want to keep the facility good and use it as much as we can.

Proxy Vote of  
Hights Creek  
Irrigation Stock

Chairman Petroff stated that on February 9, 2013 the Hights Creek Irrigation Company will hold their annual stock holders meeting. An individual needs to be appointed to vote proxy the 698 share of Davis County stock. Commissioner Downs made a motion to appoint Lee Cammack to vote Davis County’s shares as he currently serves on the Board for the irrigation company. Commissioner Millburn seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Approval of  
Budget Change

Steve Rawlings, Davis County Clerk/Auditor, presented a budget change for the Health Department to increase line item 15-3340-024 Arthritis by \$3,000.00; increase line item 15-3340-022 Prev. Block by \$2,985.00; increase line item 15-3340-023 MSA by \$19,059.61; increase line item 15-4315-610 Misc. Exp. by \$23,044.61; and increase line item 15-4315-330 Education/Training by \$2,000.00. The funding relates to contract #2012-323A of which \$10,000 of Arthritis funding was known and already entered in 2013 budget. Commissioner Millburn made a motion to approve. Commissioner Downs seconded the motion. All voted aye. Document on file in the office of the Davis County Clerk/Auditor.

Commissioner Downs made a motion to convene as the Board of Equalization. Commissioner Millburn seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Property Tax  
Register  
Approved

Dale Peterson, Davis County Tax Administration Director, presented the property tax register. The register reflects for approval one late appeal and 10 corrections. Commissioner Millburn made a motion to approve. Commissioner Downs seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Commissioner Millburn made a motion to reconvene the regular commission meeting. Commissioner Downs seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Commission  
Minutes  
Approved

Commissioner Downs made a motion to convene the commission meeting minutes of January 29, 2013. Commissioner Millburn seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Check  
Registers  
Approved

Check registers as prepared by the Davis County Clerk/Auditor's Office were approved with a motion from Commissioner Millburn. Commissioner Downs seconded the motion. All voted aye. Documents are on file in the office of the Davis County Clerk/Auditor.

Commission Comments:

Commissioner Downs said that the commissioners have been talking about doing a state of Davis County address. We asked each of the department heads and elected officials to share highlights of 2012 and where their department is headed. It was great to read and be reminded of the things that have gone on and be made aware of the work that has been done. I would suggest that you go to our website and read the expanded information. It will remind you of the work being done, the efforts that have gone on, and the great people that have up come with new or different ways to do things or have taken problems and situations and have come up with creative ways to handle them in a professional and innovative way. We have great people who are focused on providing the best service they can to taxpayers for the money taxpayers invest in government. I want to reassure taxpayers from my perspective they are getting a great return on that investment. Davis County and Davis County government is running very well. We have great people living here. They strive for good things and value good things.

Commissioner Millburn stated that he agreed with the comments. There is much to be optimistic about. There is much that has been accomplished and much yet to be accomplished. Of course, right now we are anxiously engaged at the legislature and watching a number of things there. It is a great time to be a resident of this county and to have the opportunity to serve.

Commissioner Petroff expressed thanks to Commissioner Downs for compiling all the information that was submitted by the departments. She made it into something that would flow well and could be a speech. It was her and Janet Hanson's efforts in editing and getting the information for our website. As I read through the information it was just amazing to us what really does go on in our county in terms of the employees and if there was just a way to convey that to the general public. I have told everybody the biggest surprise in coming here was the quality of the employees. I am not longer surprised with the exception that they just continue to strive in their own lives to improve themselves. They are getting more certifications and studying the jobs they have. Truly if there is a need in one of the other counties they can come here and in quick order find out how to do it. It is one of our best attributes that we are willing to share and help. I was amazed as Steve Rawlings, Clerk/Auditor, handed in his information that almost everyone in the department is out there getting more certifications. It is true with almost every office and it is hard to single anyone out. It will be enlightening to citizens if they will take the time to read the message.

Steve Rawlings, Davis County Clerk/Auditor stated he had no other comments and thanks for the splendid job.

No public comments.

Meeting adjourned.